

REMARKS

The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I corresponding to buried deployment (FIG. 5 and FIG. 6); and

Species II corresponding to aerial deployment (FIG. 7 and FIG. 8).

Office Action, page 2. The Office Action further states that Claims 1 and 24 are generic. Office Action, page 2.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 1 and 24 are generic and respectfully elect Species II without traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that at least Claims 1-11, 15-20 and 24-35 read on Species II.

Applicants request examination and allowance of the claims in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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